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Dear Decatur:

In keeping with the recent letters we have published in this column, W. B. Woodruff, Jr., has prepared the following story concerning the water situation, and the councils plans along that line. This article gives you a clear picture of the whole situation, facts and figures. Read it.

CITY WILL INVESTIGATE WATER PLAN

By W. B. WOODRUFF, JR.

During winter months, when the normal water needs of Decatur can be supplied from two of our five wells, there is little tendency to do more than talk about the water shortage. When the hot and dry summer months come, it is too late to do anything about it. You may not have sufficient water for fire protection, for watering your lawn, or even for bathing. Local hospitals may find the faucet dry at a time of critical need. Certainly, no new business or industry will be attracted to a town where all of these problems either already exist or seem very likely to exist in the immediate future.

Several experts were present at the City Council Meeting Monday night to present their views on the possible solution of this situation. The one thing that appeared definite from their remarks is that there is no easy solution—solving the problem is going to be just as big a matter as the problem itself. Briefly, the information gained was along the following lines:

Obtaining water from Lake Bridgeport would necessitate some twelve miles of pipeline, a purification plant, and pumping facilities adequate to lift the water approximately 450 feet. Total cost at least \$450,000. Consent of present bondholders would have to be obtained to issuing this additional indebtedness. Annual cost of servicing this bonded indebtedness—annual payments on principal and interest—would approximate \$27,000 each year for forty years. This is the maximum period for which this money could be obtained. If approved for a 25-year period, annual payments would average some \$34,000.

Consider these figures in relation to the income and obligations of the city, as they now exist: Audit of the city's books for the year ending April, 1951, shows approximately \$80,000 income, with about \$4,000 total balance remaining after paying all expenses. We are at present paying about \$18,000 annually in principal and interest on our bonded indebtedness totaling nearly a quarter of a million dollars—and will continue to do so until the year 1972. On the other side of the ledger, the city owns fixed assets valued somewhat in excess of \$250,000, and has sufficient income to "stay in the black" while carrying on several much-needed street and other civic improvement projects. In summary, we owe a little less than we are worth, and we take in a little more than we have to pay out—we have our head above water, but not very far.

Obviously, any addition such as the Lake Bridgeport pipeline will require substantial increases in utility rates, or city taxes, or both. Federal taxes being what they now are, it is difficult to see how our people could bear any substantial increase in the local tax burden. However, a one dollar increase on each of our one thousand water meters would

PECAN SCHOOL AT NEWARK ON APRIL 22d.

Pecan production as a cash crop to supplement farm income is gaining widespread interest of the farmers of Wise County. To help the farmers interested in this enterprise, there will be a Pecan School on Pecan Production at the Newark School Tuesday, April 22.

The school will be conducted by Paul Tapp, County Agent, and Extension Horticulture specialists John E. Hutchison and Blufford Hancock.

The program is as follows:
Program - Newark School Auditorium
9:30 Potential possibilities with pecans.
10:00 Developing a pecan grove:

1. Native Groves, 2. Planted Groves, 3. Variety Selection, 4. Management.

10:30 Recess
10:45 Selecting pecan budwood and graftwood and colored slide set showing budding and grafting technique.

12:00 Lunch - Home Demonstration Club.
See STORY page 4, col. 2

DRIVE-IN THEATRE OPENED WITH A FULL ATTENDANCE

The Sunset Drive-In Theatre opened with a full attendance last Friday night, as the latest addition to our entertainment field. W. B. Woodruff spoke over the speakers congratulating the company for the new show, and its place in the entertainment program of the county. Jim Miller, manager, added a few words of thanks for the splendid reception of the drive-in by Wise Countians with the invitation to return often.

The snack bar, which has drinks, hot dogs, popcorn and peanuts, is housed with the new and modern projection room. Entirely modern throughout, the new theatre is a welcome addition to Decatur's growing business enterprises.

The show will open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only for the present.

WISE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FETES F.F.A.

The Farm Bureau will sponsor a meeting of the F.F.A. boys of Wise County Tuesday, April 15 at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Outstanding members of the Boyd, Paradise, Bridgeport, Chico, Alvord, Shedd and Decatur chapters will be recognized.

An interesting 30 minute film entitled "One Man's Memory" will be shown and the F.F.A. boys band from Chico will play. Members from these chapters will compete for the scholarship award, given by the Farm Bureau, to any state college of their choice.

The award will be made later in the year.

The public is invited to attend this meeting.

EAGLES START SPRING FOOTBALL DRILLS MARCH 26

The Decatur Eagles started spring training last Monday with 26 grid hopefuls on hand. Many of the boys are getting their first taste of senior football, and from the amount of enthusiasm displayed on the first day, it is evident that there will be some better battles waged for next fall's starting eleven.

Work-outs will start out fairly late and gradually pick up momentum as the days go by.

An intra-squad game will be held at the end of each week.

PET SHOW AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL HAS EVERYTHING FROM MONKEYS TO CHICKS



Among the Exhibitors:

In the top photo, MARY ANN and NELDA MOONEY with two of the smallest dogs we have seen. In the pictures at right, SUSAN HEINS and her lamb named MARY who was persuaded with a bottle of milk from time to time; LINDA SPAIN with the biggest black and white cat we've seen, requiring two to carry; and last KEN BURRIS with the show's only pet monkey.

The show each year is sponsored by Miss Bell Ford, and the whole grammar school participates.

ONLY 35 VOTES IN SATURDAY'S ELECTION

Thirty-five ballots were cast in the city election last Saturday for school board members, all being for the named candidates, George Cummings, Claude Cummings and C. L. Hull.

MOVE THIS WEEK

The Decatur Steam Laundry will move their cleaning plant this week and in addition, equipment is received, otherwise it will probably be a week before the change is made.

The new building adjoining the laundry is ready.

New Tubeless Tire By Firestone Is Here

The new tubeless Firestone tire is here. Decatur Implement Co. has them, also an ad in this paper announcing their availability here.

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Phone Group Has Meeting In Decatur

Earl Nunneley was host to a group of Telephone Company executives here Tuesday, at a luncheon at the Lions Club followed by a short program and film showing.

The officials discussed the various phases of the telephone business and other matters of mutual interest.

Some thirty representatives were here from all parts of this area.

The G. W. Burkett family visited at Sun Ray over the week end.

Strength For These Days From the Bible

The Lord will hear when I call unto Him.—(Psalms 4:3).

This is the promise of the power of prayer—humbly and devoutly asking the All Highest for strength and guidance to live as His children, to make ourselves in all things worthy of His help.

ANNUAL C-C MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY

Next Thursday night is the annual meeting of the membership of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, to be held as a barbecue at the Reunion Grounds.

The program will be completed for publication next week.

Manager E. B. Harrison informed us this week eight new members have joined up to this week, which does not include the report of the new member committee.

W. V. Cunningham Enters Race For County Judge

TO THE VOTERS OF WISE COUNTY:

I take this means of announcing my candidacy for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Having served as the Clerk of the District and County Courts, I feel that I am well acquainted with the duties of the County Judge, and can serve you with efficiency in the office. I know that the judicial duties of the County Judge are important, but feel that keeping a careful check on the county funds and administering the business of the county is more so.

As your County Judge, I shall devote all my time to the faithful and proper discharge of the duties of the office. I shall, to the best of my ability, conduct its affairs in an impartial manner in the interest of common justice to all.

As nearly as I can I shall see and discuss with the voters of the county personally, the business of the office, and my qualifications to discharge same.

Your vote, support and influence in my behalf will be greatly appreciated. In return for that consideration, I shall strive to be the County Judge for all the people of Wise County.

Respectfully submitted,
W. V. Cunningham

New Pastor Enters Upon Duties Here At Fundamental Baptist Church

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Webb, and their children Joan, Linda Jane and Hal, are now at home in Decatur, and he has entered upon his duties as pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church.

Rev. Webb comes highly recommended. He asks the cooperation of the community and church members in regular attendance at church and Sunday School.

GANTT HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE LAST EVE

Fire about 7:30 last night did extensive damage to the E. L. Gantt residence across from the gymnasium. Fire was in ceiling and roof and was from defective wiring according to reports. Water damage to the household furnishings was heavy.

Fire boys battled the blaze for several hours in the cold north wind before finally extinguishing it all.

The Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church contributed \$11.00 to Mrs. Oliver Moore and children, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. North, Mrs. C. W. Seals, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Taylor attended the funeral of W. M. Fisher at Wichita Falls Monday afternoon.

Mr. Fisher was the father of Mrs. B. J. Wilde of Decatur.

FAST WINDS! SLOW RAINS!

High winds, 40 miles an hour and better, have been battering us this week, and continue with cooler weather and a shower yesterday. Last Thursday it rained .35 of an inch, but the winds soon dried out all the moisture in the ground.

WALKER SELLS AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY

Blufford Walker has sold his Walker Auto Supply to J. C. Holmes this week, and Mr. Holmes will continue operation of the business here.

Mr. Walker has sold his home to the Bill McDonalds and his Texaco agency will be turned over to his successor probably today.

The Walkers will move west probably next week, their new location hasn't been announced as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milligan were in Waco Sunday.

DHS STUDENTS BRING BACK SEVERAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM DISTRICT EVENTS

The Decatur High Eagle track team came out second best in team standing at the district track meet at Bowie last Saturday. However, the Eagles took the spotlight by setting four of the six new records that were established.

Jerry Matney, probably the outstanding individual of the meet, ran the 440 yard dash in 53.6 seconds to establish a new record, and then came back a short time later to win the 220 yd. dash in near record time. He also anchored the 440 yd. relay that placed third. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Matney.

Another record breaker from Decatur was Pete Reeves, who rocketed over the crossbar in the high jump to set a new record at 5'9 1/2". This was Pete's best performance of the year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reeves.

Ben Marshall Watkins proved to be the cream of the crop in pole vault when he pulled himself over the crossbar set at 10'5" to mark up another new district record. Ben is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Watkins.

To further add to the record shattering group of Eagles was a fine performance by Johnny Cooper in the mile run. Johnny sped around the distance in five minutes flat for his new record. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper.

All of these boys qualified to participate in the regional meet at Dallas next week along with Doris Foster, who placed third in the half-mile. Doris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Foster.

In addition to the record setters, Jarvis Gantt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gantt, placed fourth in the high hurdles. Jack Kiker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kiker, placed fourth in the high hurdles.

Kenneth Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Montgomery placed fourth in the discuss throw.

The 440 yd. relay team, composed of Frank Perrin, Wayne Alexander, Jimmy Walker, and Jerry Matney, Frank is the son of Mr. Earl Perrin. Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alexander. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Blufford Walker. The mile-relay team placed fourth, and it was composed of Pete Reeves, Ben Watkins, Doris Foster, and George Washburn. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Washburn.

Other boys who participated in the meet were Joe Cooper, Bobby Crites, Mason Kearby, Dudley Mooney, Coy O'Neal, Don Ray Stone, Wayne Stone, and Earl Towe.

Diamond Hill won the district championship. Decatur was second, followed by third place Birdville then Bowie, Hundley, Jackboro, Nocona, and Henrietta in that order.

In the Junior High meet, Decatur placed second. The Jr. Eagles were led by fleet-footed Jerry Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corbin. Jerry won first in the 100 yd. dash and 50 yd. dash, placed fourth in high jump, second in broad jump, and anchored the second place 440 yd. relay team. Charles Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pitts, placed first in chinning the bar. Other members of the second place 440 relay team were Ronnie Hilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hilton, Harless Rhine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harless Rhine, Sr., Dann Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Starnes, Harold Stevens, son of Dean and Mrs. Hardy Stevens made a good showing in the high jump.

In the Grammar School track division, the Decatur boys representing their school were Jackie Boyd (broad jump, chinning), Charles Burton (440 yd. relay), George Cooper (high jump, broad jump, 440 yd. relay), Carlton Mann (50 yd. dash, 100 yd. dash), Bobby McQuinn (50 yd. dash, 100 yd. dash), Jimmy McCaskey (high jumps, Jerry O'Neal (high jumps), and Bill Wilde (50 yd. dash, pole yd. dash, broad jump, chinning and 440 relay).

SCHOOL OUT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

School is out today until next Tuesday for the Easter holidays.

There will be an admission charge of 10c for the night program.

The Messenger Invites Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Renshaw to be our guests to see "MY FAVORITE SPY" At the Plaza Theatre Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. Exchange this coupon for two tickets at the box office.

ONE ACT PLAY OF DHS WINS FIRST PLACE AGAIN

The Decatur one-act play, "Lost Victory", again won first place at Wichita Falls Friday, April 4, in the semi-regional meet held there. The play had previously won first in the district contest held at Bowie and in the semi-district meet held in Decatur.

The play will next compete with one other play in the regional meet which will be held in Dallas April 18. The winner of this contest will go to the state meet to be held in Austin in May.

The cast of "Lost Victory" consists of Diane McMurray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. McMurray, Janet Hoyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hoyle, Patsy Hilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hilton, Charlene Champion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Champion, and Doris Woodruff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woodruff, Sr. Miss Lee Rhodes, instructor of speech, DHS, is director of the play.

In the semi-regional meet at Wichita Falls, Diane McMurray was again named best actress, and Doris Woodruff was chosen as third best actress.

Miss Rhodes, and the members of the cast and crew wish to thank Mr. Gantt, the faculty and the townspeople for their splendid support in the production of the play.

Decatur Enters Tennis Events First Time

Decatur entered tennis in the district for the first time. Jackie Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boyd and Jimmy Don Leath won the district in Junior Grammar doubles by defeating both Nocona and Henrietta.

Charles Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morris won Junior Grammar singles with an easy victory over Nocona and Henrietta.

Richard Sellars, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sellars and Ben Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watkins, represented Decatur in Senior boys singles, losing to Nocona.

John Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pitts, was defeated in Senior Singles.

Gene Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Foster, and Teddy Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, represented the Junior High boys doubles. They lost their match to Nocona.

Harrell Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Stevens, lost his singles match to Nocona in the finals.

There were no girls that entered the Junior or Senior divisions.

Jane Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young, and Barbara Burton, daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Shepard, lost the girls Junior Grammar doubles to Jackboro.

Sue Hoyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoyle, lost the singles to Henrietta.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Vick coached all tennis.

Music Meet At DHS All Day Today

The Interscholastic Music Meet will be Thursday, April 10 at Decatur High School.

The Interscholastic Music Meet in this area will commence at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon with band solo contestants. There are some 40 soloists entered.

At 7:00 o'clock the vocal solos will begin in H. S. Auditorium.

At 7:45, Band Concerts will begin and choral singing will be at 8:45.

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Provisions of the Office of House.

Price Stabilization's new regulation for eating and drinking establishments. Ceiling Price Regulation 134, will be explained at a meeting April 14 at 7:30 p. m. in the District Court Room in the County Court

A representative of the Fort Worth District Office of Price Stabilization will explain the new regulations. A question and answer period will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. The Chamber of Commerce manager in Decatur made arrangements for the meeting.

The new restaurant regulation became effective April 7. It will require the posting of prices in eating and drinking establishments.

The regulation froze restaurant prices at their highest level

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on menus or charges during the week of February 3-9, 1952. The regulation does not prevent changing of prices lower than the ceilings established by the regulation.

These frozen prices with permissible adjustments by operators who have been charging prices lower than permitted under the present restaurant regulation, will be the dollars-and-cents ceilings which restaurants will post. The posted prices may be increased in the future only by the direction of the Office of Price Stabilization. The regulation provides that future adjustments may be made if the director determines that food and other costs have increased significantly.

FIVE FROM COUNTY ARE AT T.C.U.

Five students from Wise County are attending Texas Christian University classes during the spring semester. They are Miss Carolyn Acola, Steve A. Almonroad, 1214 So. Trinity, both of Decatur, Miss Emma Marion Day, Rhome, and Miss Barbara Ann Helm and Godfrey W. Pegues, both of Newark.

Miss Acola is a freshman at TCU. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Acola, she is a member of Frogettes, freshman women's organization, and the Vis-jettes, women's service organization.

Almonroad is a junior, majoring in history. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Almonroad.

Miss Day is a freshman whose major is as yet undeclared. She is the daughter of Mrs. Joe F. Day.

Miss Helm, daughter of George G. Helm, is also a freshman with an undeclared major.

Pegues is a freshman, majoring in business administration. He is the son of G. W. Pegues.

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G. L. BLACK TOURS JOHN DEERE PLANT

Manufacturing methods used to produce farm equipment rival those for building airplanes and fine automobiles, both in modern efficiency and quality of work, according to G. L. Black, who returned recently after a week's tour of John Deere farm implement factories in Illinois and Iowa. Mr. Black is partner of the Black Implement Co.

Mr. Black visited six of the sixteen John Deere factories, including the John Deere Planter Works and John Deere Plow

Works in Moline, Ill., the John Deere Harvester Works and John Deere Spreader Works in East Moline, and the two huge John Deere tractor factories in Waterloo and Dubuque, Ia. He also inspected the John Deere central materials research laboratories, where he saw some of the exhaustive tests of the many kinds of materials—everything from steel to paint—used in manufacturing John Deere farm implements.

A part of the week's program was devoted to discussing several new farm implements which John Deere factories currently are introducing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Taylor from Dallas visited the Charley Taylors and Bill Hill over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harding and daughter Sue from Longview spent the week end here with relatives.

Misses Jimmie Benson, Claude Mae Workman and Ruth Workman from Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman over the week end.



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(Mathew 16:18)
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Preaching 11:00 A. M.
Communion (Acts 20:7) 11:45 A. M.
Preaching 7:30 P. M.
Ladies Bible Class (Tuesday) 2:45 P. M.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7:30 P. M.
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DHS Wins Three Places In Slide Rule Contest

Decatur High School won the first three places in the Slide Rule contest and all three of them will enter the Regional meet in Dallas, April 19.

Ben Russell Man, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Man won first place. This is his first time in the contest and he is a junior.

Louis Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Coleman, won second place. Gene Blagg, son of Mrs. Vernon Green, placed third. He is a senior.

This is the first time Louis and Gene have entered the contest. Miss Fay Cocanougher coached this event.

Joe Cooper Wins First In Numbers

Joe Cooper has won first place in the Number Sense contest for the fourth consecutive year and has represented Decatur in the State Meet for three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cooper and a senior.

Richard Mabry won second place in the same contest for the third time and has represented Decatur in the State Meet for two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Mabry and has another year in high school.

Both of these boys will enter the Regional Meet in Dallas April 19. This event is coached by Miss Fay Cocanougher.

Carol Ann Faith Wins In Story Telling

Carol Ann Faith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Faith, was the storyteller for Decatur at the Interscholastic League contest held in Bowie. "The Little Pine Tree" was the story she elected to tell. She placed

Sue Hoyl, Sylvia Robinson Win in 7th And 8th Spelling

Barbara Schooling, Sara Englehardt, Shirley Stanley, Barbara Pullen, Ann Renshaw, Mabel Oates, Linda Harper, Mary Helen Mooney, Sylvia Robinson, and Sue Hoyl tried out for seventh and eighth grade spelling this year. Sue Hoyl, Sylvia Robinson won in try outs. She and Sylvia were taken to Bowie for the district meet Friday. They won first place for their school, and Sue Hoyl had a perfect paper which will be sent to the State. This is Sue's second year to make a perfect paper.

Mrs. Ramsey was their coach.

WCS Has Regular Meeting, Hear Conference Report

Ladies of the Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday April 7, in a luncheon program in the dining hall of the church. In the absence of Mrs. F. P. Martin, Mrs. H. S. Usry presided. She stressed the importance of keeping Holy week, in truly holy.

The Bible lesson was the 23 Psalm, given in unison by the entire group. Mrs. R. E. Collins led in prayer.

Officers reporting were, Mmes. A. B. VanMeter, Edd Hornback, E. L. Gantt, George Black, R. E. Collins and Mrs. W. V. Patton.

Mrs. George Black gave a report from the recent conference held in Paris. The emphasis of her report was placed on the great need of prayer in the daily life of church members.

Mrs. W. W. Brown read a list of the incoming officers for 1952 - 1953. They are, president, Mrs. F. P. Martin, vice Mrs. H. S. Usry, Recording Sec-

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For Commissioner:
Precinct One and Six:
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THURMAN COOK

RELECTION
E. B. FORTENBERRY

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C. M. (Charlie) MAXWELL
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CLYDE SLIMP

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J. WALLACE BRADY
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For County Attorney:
W. A. HUGHES, JR.
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For Sheriff:
CARL (ROOK) RAMSEY
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Precinct One:
C. M. (Cush) Quisenberry
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For Commissioner,
Precinct Three:
BOB CLEVELAND
RELECTION
JOHN A. BARNES

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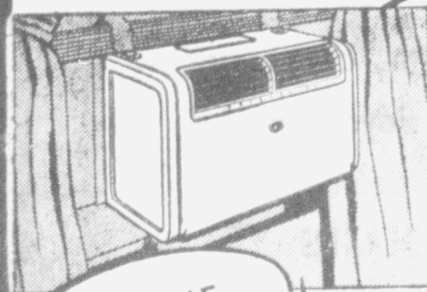
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HAS EXTENSIVE BUILDING PLAN

The First Baptist Church is facing a rather extensive remodeling and remodeling program.

Already decided upon, and now under construction, is a ground floor addition under the present auditorium. This covers about 1,000 square feet of space and is to provide ten classrooms and two department assembly rooms. It is estimated that this new addition will take care of 150 to 200 more members in the Sunday School.

The average attendance in Sunday School during March was 300, so with the new addition, the church should be able to provide for a Sunday School of five or six hundred members.

The kitchen is to be moved, enlarged, and further equipped. Additional remodeling is contemplated, and will be taken care of when the church so orders.

The following committees have been appointed to take care of the various features of the work to be done:

Building Committee Personnel

First Baptist Church

I. Plans Committee

1. Marvin Stone; 2. W. O. Dittick; 3. Tom Gettys; 4. Mrs. W. O. Dittick; 5. Mrs. Zack Sensibaugh.

A. Decorating Committee

1. Mrs. W. O. Dittick; 2. Mrs. Otis Strickland; 3. Mrs. Hard Stevens.

B. Furnishing Committee

1. Mrs. Zack Sensibaugh; 2. Mrs. E. B. Brown; 3. Mrs. John Tally.

II. Finance Committee

1. T. M. Hasty; 2. H. B. Pearson; 3. Onie Walker; 4. Luther Burress; 5. Alvin Askey; 6. Joe Lee Fox; 7. E. L. Schooling.

III. Legal Committee

1. Mrs. J. C. Brown; 2. Grady Woodruff; 3. J. A. Simmons.

IV. Publicity Committee

1. Dr. R. E. Bell; 2. Oliver Riley; 3. Mrs. Cody Milligan.

V. Construction Committee

1. To be selected; 2. Ed Reed; 3. T. S. Gill; 4. Bill McDonald; 5. J. C. Dunaway.

VI. Purchasing Committee

1. H. B. Pearson; 2. B. J. Culpepper; 3. Stanley Robertson.

VII. Kitchen Committee

1. Mrs. Jesse Carswell; 2. Mrs. T. M. Hasty; 3. Mrs. R. L. Hunt.

Nursery Committee

1. Mrs. Chester Morris; 2. Mrs. Charles Jones; 3. Mrs. A. L. Clark.

IX. Grounds Committee

1. Mrs. Grady Woodruff; 2. Mrs. Carl Christian; 3. Mrs. B. A. Man.

X. Secretarial Committee

1. Mrs. Grady Woodruff; 2. Mrs. Carl Christian; 3. Mrs. B. A. Man.

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Profitable Journey

By Dennis H. Pratt

LUCIE shuffled back into her corner as the train rapidly gathered momentum and sped out into the country. She thought of the lovely week-end she was going to spend in the glorious sunshine. It was with rather startled anxiety that she looked at the sharp featured owner of the traveling case, marked with J. W. L. in large white letters, who sat on the seat opposite her.

Vaguely she felt a sense of hostility radiating from him. His eyes seemed to pierce into her. She wriggled uncomfortably under his gaze and noticed the twitching of his fat fingers. Saying nothing she recoiled sharply further back into her corner.

The train lurched slightly as it rounded the bend and the man, of rather prodigious proportions lurched with it, his wide brimmed hat falling down over his dreadful eyes. He gasped and muttered some unintelligible remark, that although unheard, was by the look on his face, not very becoming.

Lucie, so discouraged of her better emotions and her momentary fear, gave vent to a burst of laughter.



Lucie giggled at him and again experienced something akin to hostility.

"Pardon me," she grinned, "but you did really look so funny." The man glowered at her with a look like a dying hyena.

"I cannot see why my unforeseen accident should have any conceivable effect, such as your raucous remark and ungracious yelps, upon you. Being unable to refrain from such utterances inevitably leads to vulgarity."

Lucie giggled at him and again experienced something akin to hostility. But the conversation was not brought to an abrupt end by the gentleman's climatic resentment. Indeed, it was the man himself who carried the conversation further. His vocal chords were not stiff from lack of exercise.

Within a few minutes, Lucie knew that the initials stood for Jeremia Wenceslaus Lennox, a name, the man emphatically declared, that could be traced back to a slave that rowed in one of the ships in which the Romans invaded Britain. Lucie hardly believed this, but she certainly took for granted that Lennox had madness in his family.

The incessant rolling and rocking of the train went on with unbroken rhythm and finally had its effect. Lucie's eyes fluttered downwards and she dozed off.

How long she had been peacefully asleep she did not know, but suddenly a queer feeling seemed to penetrate and whelm through her. Something dark and shadowy seemed to grow and then recede over her eyelids. The overpowering sense jerked her eyelids open.

The fat man's fingers had stopped their dithering switching. He was motionless in his corner. Lucie looked closer. Asleep, she unconsciously told herself. But she could not forget that intangible sense that had swept over her, that vague premonition and warning. Yet everything seemed in order.

She fumbled in her pocket for a piece of chocolate. Her pocket was empty. Suddenly she felt in all her pockets. Ah, her purse was in the other one. She opened it. By heavens, it was empty.

Four pound notes and two tens were gone. Five pounds, her holiday money had been taken. Lucie remembered that feeling, that strong impression of someone near her. That man.

She almost leapt at him, but instead rummaged furiously for a cigarette. As she struck the match the rain screamed into a tunnel. Lucie drew in her breath then, and dropped the match. Heavy breathing told her the man was sound asleep. Quietly she shifted over beside him and slowly put her hand into his pocket. Yes, she was sure it was a roll of banknotes she felt. She pulled the roll out. Yes, she was right. Four pounds and two tens. Quickly she went back to her own corner. A surge of elation went through her as she stuffed them back into her purse.

"Yes, a nice journey," Lucie smiled at her aunt after the taxi had dropped her at the house on Douglas Avenue.

"Oh, you managed all right then," said her aunt, "because Jeff phoned and said you had left the five pounds on your dressing table and he will be sending it on by post."

COURT HOUSE RECORDINGS

Mineral Deeds

Thornton Lomax, Jr.—Barbara Lomax Hitzelberger

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Jessie May Nixon et vir—N. W. Davis, Jr.

G. Chester Ramsey—Jewel Guinn Ramsey

Nolen L. Sewell—H. A. Dean

Mary Annie Welch et vir—N. W. Davis, Jr.

Assignment of Oil and Gas Leases

Bright, Schiff & Kennedy—W. R. Wigley, Jr.

Joe S. Box—Strebor Oil Co. Inc.

W. R. Cook—R. B. Wright

W. R. Cooke—F. M. Willenburgh et al

E. P. Herber et al—Dwight M. Ross

C. L. McMahon Inc.—Reno Oil Co.

E. T. Reddell et ux—John Nehrmeyer

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W. R. Wigley, Jr.—Pietra B. Crespi

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W. R. Wigley, Jr.—Caroline Graham Coe

W. R. Wigley, Jr.—Dorothy D. Hutton

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Contract

Mid - Continent Petroleum Corp.—Lone Star Gas Company

Royalty Deed

James W. Petty et ux—O. E. Tunstill

O. E. Tunstill—Verda Spradling

Field Notes & Plat

Surveyor, B. W. Karsteter—C. C. Brandt

Release of Oil and Gas

Cities Service Oil Co.—Luther Hoffman

Leases

C. E. Barnett et ux—O. E. Tunstill

Extension

W. A. Davis et ux—Continental State Bank, Boyd

C/C Resolution

Decatur Baptist College—The Public

Release

M. F. Campbell—J. G. Arnold

Federal Land Bank of Houston—L. W. Renshaw

Federal Land Bank of Houston—W. W. Sims et ux

Farmers Home Adm.—Roy R. Wright

D. C. Shirley—Lewis H. Jones et ux

Deeds

J. A. Allen et ux—R. H. McGowin et ux

J. G. Arnold et ux—N. S. Corley

Decatur Baptist College—H. M. Helm, Jr.

B. D. Frisbie et ux—G. Chester Ramsey

D. T. McEntire, Sr. et al—Oliver Bond

R. E. Petty et ux—A. I. Starkey

Wm. T. Ryan—James R. Chapman

Olney P. Rhodes et al—A. C. Hubbard

Ella Roberts—Ella Roberts et al

W. A. St. John et ux—E. E. McCane

Roy R. Wright et ux—Harry G. Seeligson

Marie Young et al—W. G. Barksdale

Limitation Affidavit

E. J. Wren et al—Earnest Allen Roberts

Affidavits

Kenneth Johnson—N. W. Davis

Administration Deed

Edna Pearl Knox, Dec'd.—J. C. Rhoads

Extension Agreement

Hardie McBride—Continental Bank, Boyd

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Frances E. Parker et al—Giles T. Farmer, Jr. et ux

Frances E. Parker et al—Arthur F. Ennis et ux

Frances E. Parker et al—Paul M. Ellis et ux

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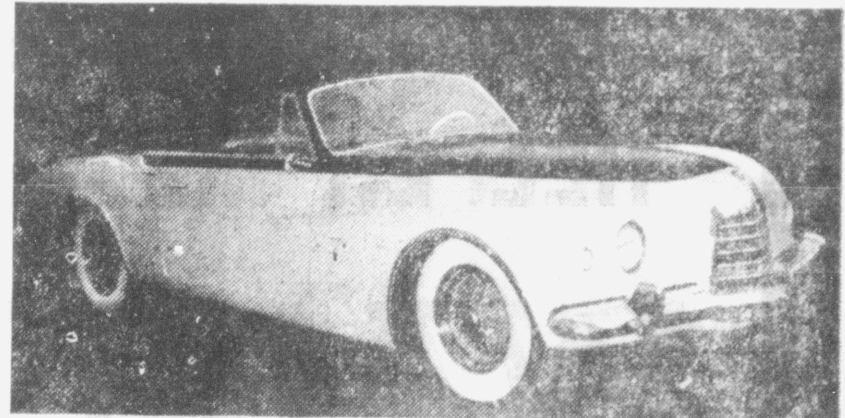
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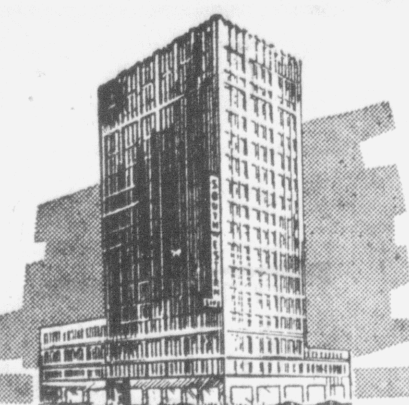
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ASSETS

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Texas County and Municipal Bonds	16,337,280.66
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	24,550,072.80
First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	100,804,510.62
Collateral Loans	1,932,824.69
Home Office Building	1,900,000.00
Preferred Stocks	10,393,467.48
Bank Stocks	3,144,849.59
Other Common Stocks	4,319,652.11
Cash	19,729,896.97
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	1,292,301.11
Accrued Interest and Miscellaneous Assets	8,390,223.61
Net Premiums to Complete Policy Years	

These are premiums either in process of collection or due to be paid during the current policy year. Proper offsetting liability is included in the policy reserves shown in the statement.

TOTAL ASSETS \$245,641,716.50

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves	\$214,151,020.64
Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance	5,140,586.66
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	3,368,016.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$222,659,605.96

Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:	
Capital Stock	\$ 5,000,000.00
For Investment Fluctuation and Other Contingencies	7,982,110.54
Surplus	10,000,000.00

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mann, Sr., He will report to Sheppard Field where he has been transferred for further training. They

Miss Sue Roberts of Fort Worth spent the week end here and Mrs. Bill Hill over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Staples

Gordon Roberts.

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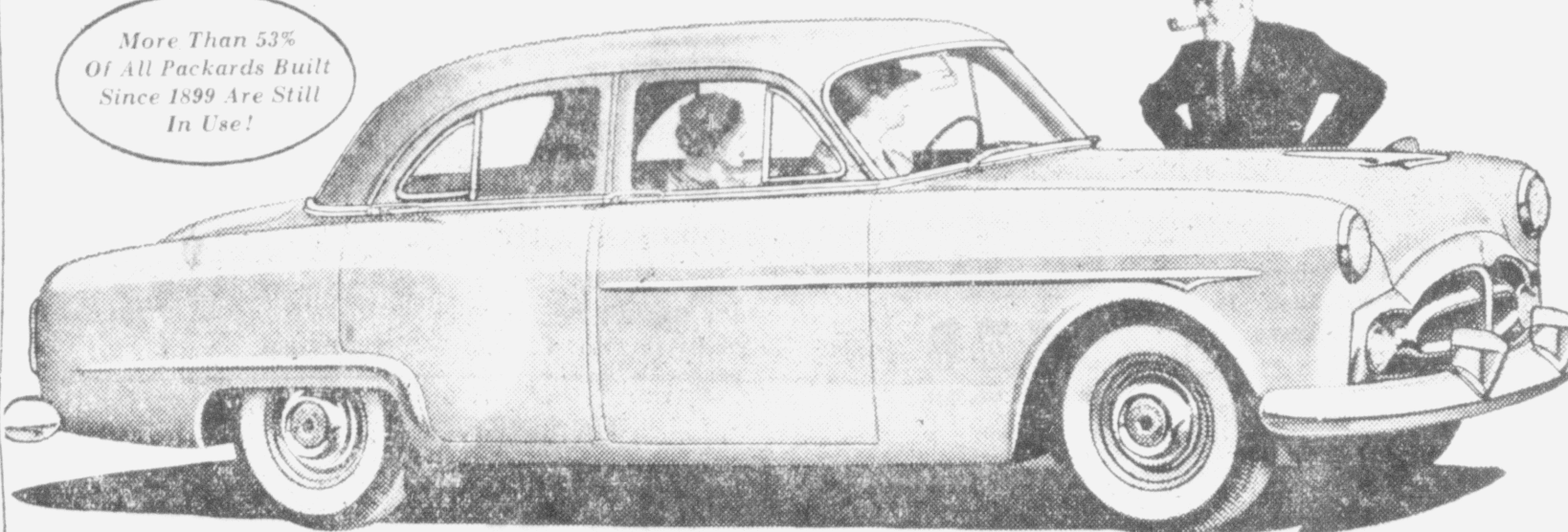
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and are now ready to check your cars and trucks.

Have your Car Painted For Summer

We are equipped to give you a first class paint job for only

40.00 UP

Body work extra

**CHESTER MORRIS
CHEVROLET COMPANY**

A petition numerous signed, has been presented to Sheriff George Gage, asking him to appoint Oma Cartwright to the office of deputy sheriff, recently made vacant by the resignation of George Young. Mr. Cartwright has had several years experience as an officer, being under Sheriff W. M. Workman. Mr. Young has gone back to the farm and the appointment has been made.

Girls students at Williams and Marys College who do not make 80 in their studies, may not have "dates" and other social privileges.

Miss Ruth Collins from Bowie spent the week end at home and visited with her father, R. M. Collins who is ill at the Rogers Hospital.

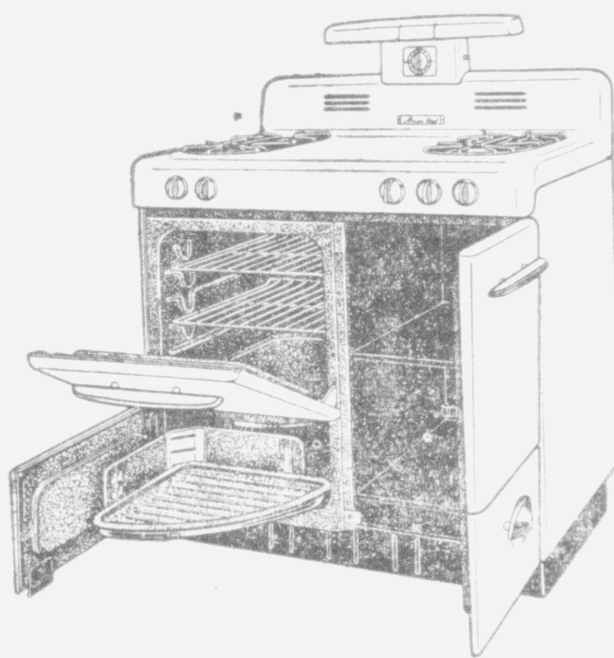
NEW LIST OF REGISTRANTS FROM COUNTY

We are submitting herewith a list of registrants, from Wise County, recently registered with Local Board No. 93, Bowie, Texas.

Hiram Ward Morton
Joe Franklin Hall
James Howard Slimp
Bobby Travis Mara
Jackie Joe Enis
Willis Aaron Hyatt
Kenneth Darrell Bramlett
James Ray Ward
Elton Elmo Wright
James Thomas Simmons

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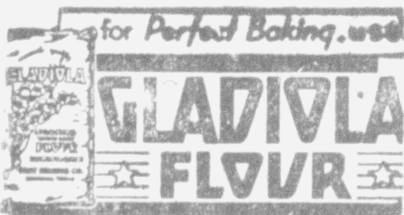
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Friday - Saturday - Monday SPECIALS!!

DEL MONTE	
SPINACH, no. 2 can, ...	14¢
JELLO, 3 boxes	25¢
OLEO, colored qtrs., lb. . . .	22¢
GRAPE JAM, seedless, 2 lb. jar	47¢
CREAM STYLE GOLDEN	
SWEET CORN, 303 can	16¢
PORK & BEANS, 15 oz. can . .	10¢
ONIONS, yellow Bermuda, lb..	10¢
GRAPEFRUIT, Florida, lb. . . .	6¢
HORMEL "MIDWEST"	
SLICED BACON, lb.	35¢
SPICED LUNCHEON MEAT	
(PRESSED HAM), lb.	49¢

(We reserve the Right to Limit Quantities)

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Across From Post Office, Decatur
FREE PARKING WHILE YOU SHOP
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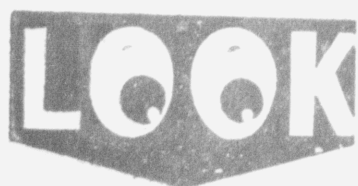
DRAFTEES
CALLED FOR
INDUCTION

The following listed men, registrants of Selective Service Local Board No. 93, Bowie, Texas, have been ordered to report for induction on April 23, 1952.

J. M. McKinnon, Rhomb
John W. Coleman, Bridgeport
Luther D. Magee, Montague
Velton M. Kuykendall, Alford.
Edward C. Looney, Byers
Edgar A. Ridenour, Henrietta
Alvis P. Stephens, Rt. 4, Decatur
Derald L. Snider, Shannon
Gerald W. Workman, Decatur
Harold E. Moody, Paradise
Billy R. Browning, Rt. 1, Bellevue
Marvin R. Carlisle, Rt. 1, Sunset
Royce O. Milligan, Rt. 1, Shiloh
Vernon L. Allison, Rt. 1, Bellevue
James G. Cinsler, Rt. 1, Paradise

OIL LOCATION
MADE IN COUNTY

A 6,100-foot Wise County wildcat, the No. 1 Mrs. M. P. Younger, was struck Monday by Tom B. Modders. It will be three miles northwest of Park Springs in Falls CSL A-293.



MILK COOLERS

In stock and ready for immediate delivery.
2 New Frigidaire 8 cans
1 New Frigidaire 6 can
"5 year Warranty"
1 used 6 can international with recent new motor
"We service our own units for over a 100 Frigidaire coolers"

F. W. BURTON
MOTOR CO.

We can deliver new 1952 Dodge pickups.

operator was clearing location.

Archib. Hoyt's Entertain
Monday Evening
Honoring Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hoyt entertained with a buffet supper honoring Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hoyle of Chicago, Monday evening at their home east of Decatur.

Mrs. Gordon Roberts, Mrs. H. James, Mrs. C. T. McNair and Janet Hoyle Hoyt furnished music for the evening. Very interesting diversion enjoyed by all, were piano selections played by Mrs. Will Renshaw, eighty years of age.

Guest of the evening were Bell Ford, Bill Burton, Mrs. E. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Engle, Mrs. Will Renshaw, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hornback, Mrs. Bill Jernigan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Reed, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gantt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNair, Mrs. Ben Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greer, Mrs. Johnnie Hill, Mrs. Robert Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roberts and Sherry, Mrs. Gene Davenport and children and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hoyt and Janet.

RULES FOR
WISE POOL
ADOPTED

The Railroad Commission has adopted pool rules for the Red (Caddo) pool, Wise County.

The rules call for spacing of 1,200 feet between wells and 407 feet from wells to property lines, a gas-oil ratio of 2,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil produced, 40-acres proration units and daily allowable, based equally on acreage and number of wells.

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1:00 Go to Mr. L. M. Yoakum's farm for the afternoon program.

1:30 Pecan Insects and their Control

2:00 Demonstration of Spraying to Control Pecan Insects.

3:00 Budding and Grafting Demonstration and practice by the Group.

Anyone interested in pecan production is invited to attend. Paul Tapp, County Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pearson were in Dallas on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Archie Morris is visiting relatives in Nolasulga, Ala.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

MISCELLANEOUS

WE HAVE typewriters as low as 17.50, in good shape. Reasonable prices on repairs and parts. Factory trained mechanic, A. J. McCoy, Phone 5062, Decatur.

REMODELING

We will install bath-tub, commode, lavatory, kitchen sink, cabinets, water pumps, water purifier, 10 per cent down, 3 years to pay.

Decatur Sales, Charlie Rann

MONUMENTS

BUY DIRECT FROM MANUFACTURER AND SAVE
LARGEST STOCK IN NORTH TEXAS

A GUARANTEE WITH EVERY MONUMENT

WRITE FOR OUR LOW PRICES

HENDERSON GRANITE COMPANY

BOWIE Phone 328 TEXAS

MATTRESS RENOVATED

Felted or made into inner spring
Pick up and Deliver
DECATUR MATTRESS FACTORY, Charlie Rann, owner
Phone 5931

MALE HELP WANTED

Reliable man with car wanted to call on farmers in Wise County. Wonderful opportunity. -10 to \$20 a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write Today, McNESS COMPANY, Dept. A, Freeport, Ill. 2tp

SPECIALS

RADIO SPECIALS—Values to \$44.75 nationally advertised brands, now \$29.95, choice of three.

TABLE LAMP SPECIALS—Nice selection of modern and conventional. Now \$3.95 up.

WOOD ODD BEDS—Nice Jenny Lind Walnut Bed, steel rails, all hardwood construction, now \$19.95.

METAL BEDS—Full and half size, all metal beds. Worth more. Now \$16.95.

2 PC. FREIZE LIV. RM. SUITES

Wool Freize upholstered, with innerspring construction, couch makes a bed. A special purchase makes this low price possible. Supply limited. Now \$109.95. Hurray before stock is gone.

EASY TERMS—

WOODEN ROCKERS—Eggde Back Oak Rockers, shaped seat, finest quality. Special priced at only \$9.95.

BED ROOM SUITES

New shipment of huge posters and panel suites in the ever popular blonde finish, just the thing to freshen up your bed room.

EASY TERMS—

HOSTESS CHAIRS BARGAIN—Plastic upholstered, hostess chairs, solid oak, nice tailoring, all colors. Now \$19.95.

BEAUTIFUL WOOL FREIZE ROCKERS

Molded full foam rubber seat. Closed arm platform rocker. All wool Freize, all colors. Easily won \$19.95, now \$49.95.

HURRAY-HURRAY-HURRAY SUPPLY LIMITED

ROLLAWAY BED

Complete with felted cotton mattress. Half size, \$37.50, full size with innerspring mattress and coil springs in rollaway bed. Now \$49.50.

HOLLYWOOD HEAD BOARD—Solid oak, 2 compartments, holes in back for radio cord, lined oak finish very nice, now only \$29.95.

PLASTIC ROCKERS

Extra high back, good tailoring, wooden arms, platform type very fine quality. Only \$34.95.

CHROM DINETTE

5 Pc. Red and Grey Suite, bolt on corner double legs. Button back chairs, Chrome is triple plated. \$89.95 value, now \$69.95.

EASY TERMS—

BARGAIN
STORE

ALL TYPE NURSERY STOCK

Fruit trees, pecan trees, shrubbery, bulbs, can be had for 10 per cent down, 3 years on balance.

Decatur Sales, Charlie Rann, Licensed Nurseryman, Decatur, Texas.

HELP WANTED

MAN OR WOMAN to take over route of established customers in Decatur. Full or part time. Weekly profits of \$45.00 or more at start possible. No car or other investment necessary. We will help you get started. Write C. R. Ruble, Dept. A-1, The J. R. Watkins Company, Memphis, Tennessee.

DO YOU SEW? Let us save you money on piece goods. No junk or shelf worn goods. All brand new patterns. See our 39c, 49c, 59c, 79c counters. Full of piece goods. Come in today and look around. Diebs Dry Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

FAPMERS—Complete line repairs for Wisconsin air cooled engines. Also complete line repairs for Hydramatic, Flusche Bros. Decatur. ttc

LEVIS for the whole family, sizes 25 to 40 Levi jackets 34 to 44, Dieb D. Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

NOTICE

Drop us a card. We make your mattress and furnish the tick for as little as \$8.00. We specialize in Inner-springs. Bowie Mattress Co. 2tpd

BUTCHES linen in printed patterns, 50c yard. Dieb D. G. Store, Alvord, Texas.

\$400 MONTHLY SPARE TIME—We will select a reliable person from this area to collect money and refill automatic vending machines. No selling. To qualify applicant must have \$600 working capital. Devoting a few hours per week should net \$400 monthly with possibility of taking over full time. For interview write giving full particulars, name, address and phone No. Box C-V-C C/O Messenger.

WANTED—Man to work in furniture store, full time. Apply in person. Bargain Store. ttc

FOUND—Stray male collie dog came to my house 2 weeks ago. Owner please call 3024, morning only.

ARMY broadcloth shorts in Sun Tan color. Just like a dress shirt, big double pockets with flaps fine form fitting to wear with your Army Twill Pants, cool and plenty tough, sleeve lengths too, see these at Dieb D. G. Store, Alvord, Texas.

MEN'S new dress slacks, just got them—very nice patterns, sizes 28 to 40, \$5.95 to \$8.95 pair. Dieb Dry Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

POSITION WITH A FUTURE—Married woman with pleasing personality who needs to add \$45 to \$75 or more every week to family income. Out of town opportunities also open. Car necessary. Age 25 to 48. Flexible working hours. Permanent position with national organization. Opportunity for promotion. Write now for "Get Acquainted" interview application. P. G. Roberts, Empire Crafts Corporation, Newark, New York State. (14-17c)

SAVE on chochet thread. One box of 12 balls or skeins for \$2.90. Star, Gem or Puritan, also star rug yarn. Dieb Dry Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

WANTED—Single girls to work in hospital. Must apply in person. For full information contact Mrs. T. G. Rogers, Rogers Hospital, Decatur, Texas.

WOLVERINE all leather work gloves, \$1.79 pair at Dieb D. G. Store, Alvord, Texas.

NOTICE

We are doing some curbing who is interested in a curb can at the cemetery now. Anyone see me at the cemetery in the next few days.

Grover Cleveland, Sr.

MENS nylon long sleeve sport shorts, \$3.95 each, Diebe Dry Short sleeves, \$2.95. Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

Pug Coleman from Wichita Falls is visiting his sister, Miss Bess Coleman.

FOR SALE

Classified Ad Rates:
For sale ads .4c per word, \$1.00 minimum charge.
All other classifications 3c per word, 75c minimum.

FOR SALE—Nice assortment of tomato, sweet pepper and cabbage plants, several varieties to select from. Mrs. W. H. Holmes, hi-way 81, first house north of Ada Decatur Cafe.

FOR SALE—On Lake Bridgeport, 4 room house, large screened in porch, built on garage, Butane and shower bath. Nice Location. See Fred Green, Bridgeport, Texas. ttc

ALL nylon chochet yarn in baby colors, 50c ball. Pink, Blue, Yellow, White, Dieb Dry Good Store, Alvord, Texas. 2tpd

FOR SALE—Nice 4 room house and bath on College and Charles Street, South part of town. Bill McDonald, phone 3141.

FOR SALE—95 acres, 3 miles north of Slidell, Texas, see Mack Balthrop, 8 West Oklahoma Ave., Sulphur Springs, Okla. 2tpd

CRAMERTON army twill pants and shirts to match sizes 28 to 50. \$3.95 the shirt—\$4.25 the pant. Ask the man who wears Cramerton! Sold by Dieb Dry Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

FOR SALE—2 yearling rams, 2 yearling ewes, 4 older ewes, 2 lambs. Aubrey Ingram, 4991.

FOR SALE—Remington portable typewriter, good as new. Will sell cheap. Ethel Gordon, call 6311.

FOR SALE—12 1/2 acres land, good 5 room house and bath, barn, good improvement on North Trinity. See Arvil Rhine.

FOR SALE—4 room house, bath, double garage, cellar, located on nice lot on North Trinity Street. Call 2392 or see Aubrey Gordon. Mrs. Newt Stevens.

If you sew, we can save you money. See our piece goods line now. Dieb Dry Goods Store, Alvord, Texas.

FOR SALE—My home, 7 room modern, with several lots, in south part of town.

A. D. Manier, phone 3712.

PIECE GOODS SALE at Dieb's Store, Alvord, Texas.

Look what you can buy for 59c yd.

Cotton Crepes, Woven Chambray, Mercerized Broadcloths, Printed Butcher Linen, Rayon Mull, Chailis Solids, Printed Fille Cloth, Plaid Suitings, Tico Slip Cloth, Narrow Vale Pique, Waffle Pique, Solid Fille Cloths. Some few pieces sheer cottons.

These goods are new and not shelf worn. Some of these goods valued at \$1.15 yard. We bought them cheap, we sell them cheap. Come see at Dieb's Alvord, Texas.

Mrs. Roy Foster and daughter Suzanne from Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stevenson.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Nice 5 room upstairs furnished apartment. For further infodmation call 5041. F. M. Kenny.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished apartment, 3 rooms and bath. Dr. Prunty

FOR RENT—Modern 5 room apt., partly furnished, close in. \$35.00, per month. See or call Dr. D. C. Sipes, Chiropractor, in Bridgeport.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished apartment in duplex, 2 rooms with private bath. Bills paid. Phone 4081.

FOR RENT—4 room unfurnished apartment. Call A. P. Deaton, 4782. 1tpd

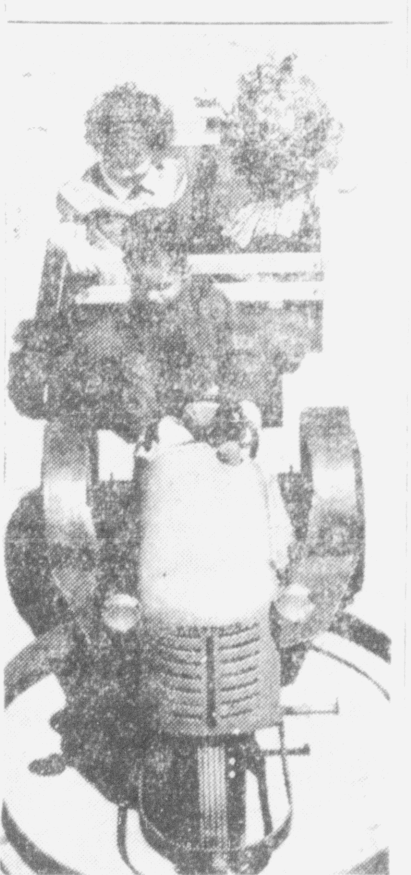
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hart of Albuquerque, N. M., announce the birth of a son, Brian Lee on April 2.

Mrs. Hart is the former Betty Lucus who made her home in Decatur with her Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Engle from Chicago were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hoyle first of the week.

READ THE ADS

Fun For Kids



New kiddie ride on the State Fair Midway is the "Tractor Trail," with midget farm tractors that look just like the grown-up ones. Here 5-year-old Sonny McFalls takes two little girls, Mary DeLano, 6, and Claudia Palmer, 5, for a trial run. The State Fair Midway will open Saturday, April 12, for the spring and summer season.



Eisenhower Birthplace

In the picture is the home in which the first Texas born president was born October 14, 1890 in Den



Friday and Saturday



SUN.-MON.-TUES.

FUNNIER THAN EVER!

BOB HOPE

AND

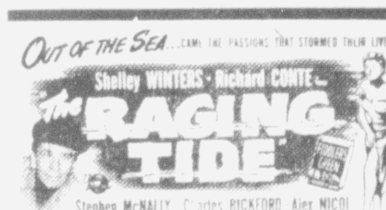
HEDY LAMAR

IN

"MY FAVORITE SPY"

CARTOON AND NEWS

WED. - THURS.



Sunset Drive-In Theatre

FRI. - SAT.



SUN - MON.



DO
YOU
WANT
A
REAL
CLEAN
USED
CAR??

"We been a Tradin' Um"

"Now We Want Sell Um"

F. W. BURTON
MOTOR CO.
Dodge - Plymouth



NEW Taystee BREAD



in the BLUE END WRAPPER

DAIRY DAY PLANS ARE PROGRESSING

Plans for Dairy Day are fast being completed, with the following committees now working on the event:

I. General Committee

1. O. Ray Brown, 2. Paul Tapp, 3. Ben Moore, 4. Guy Fortenberry, 5. Press Patterson, 6. John T. Dunn, 7. Phil Luker, 8. F. C. Gibbs, 9. F. W. Burton, 10. Tom Rush.

II. Cattle Committee

1. Press Patterson, 2. Garlin Scroggins, 3. Grady Keath, 4. (Agri. teacher, Springtown) Floyd E. Kerns, 5. Zeb Tindle, 6. C. F. Woods, 7. F. C. Gibbs, 8. Hal Dick, 9. Lewis Pounds, 10. H. H. Wharton, 11. J. E. Giles, 12. E. F. Hornback, 13. Glenn Cocanougher, 14. C. L. Clemons, 15. Jack Lewis (Northwest.)

III. Grounds Committee

1. Ben Moore, 2. Joe Wren, 3. Leslie Lewis, 4. Frank Jordan, 5. George Black, 6. L. W. Flusche, 7. F. P. Martin

IV. Judging Contest

1. Guy Fortenberry, 2. W. W. Carter.

V. Publicity

1. Phil Luker, 2. E. B. Harrison, 3. Paul Tapp

VI. Clerks

1. Jack Mathis, 2. F. C. Gibbs.

VII. Grounds - Sounds

1. F. W. Burton, 2. Tom Rush

Fish Fry Enjoyed By Large Group

A fish fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. North's last week end was well attended.

Those present, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. North and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Hale and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Adell Hale and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Taylor and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Jr. and baby Jimmie, Miss Joy Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliot and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie White and 2 children, Mr. C. W. Seals, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sydnor and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. John North, Mr. Jim Rabury, Mrs. Mattie Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hohen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitmore, Vernon Arington.

All reported a good time and plenty of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield Workman and children, Russell and Pamela from Arlington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Workman Sunday.

Mrs. Kenneth Hill of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cates last week.

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Crucifixion and Resurrection Dramatized on "Greatest Story"



The two traditional Easter season programs, "The Crucifixion" and "The Resurrection," will again be dramatized on "The Greatest Story and Easter Sunday, April 13. The program will be heard over the entire ABC radio network at 5:30 p.m. (EST). This is the sixth Easter that these programs are offered to the public, and each year these presentations, as well as the regular weekly broadcasts, gain increased listeners and appreciation.

Most unusual among radio programs in many respects, there is no commercial announcement at any time on this program, except for sponsor identification required by law. Neither are actor, director, writer, or music credits ever given, so that the program is entirely in the spirit of a sincere public service. It is not surprising, therefore, that this sincerity in presenting a radio program has brought it more honors than any other radio offering.

Library Carnival At Northwest School

Rhyme was hostess at the Northwest Auditorium April 3 to the neighboring federated clubs and friends, as part of the Northwest Library Festival.

Miss Lily V. Lillard, Stephenville, First District president, was guest speaker.

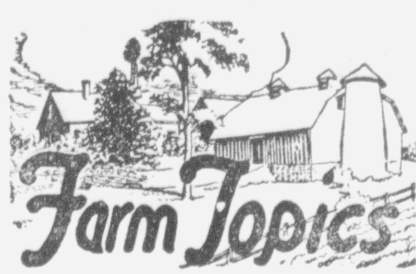
A flute solo was rendered by Mrs. Martin Haney of the Northwest music department. Merlyn Morrow, student, gave a coronet number. Teddy Rehl, winner of the senior essay contest, sponsored by Thursday Study Club, read the essay on "Citizenship."

Tea was served in the library with Mrs. J. P. Morris presiding. The table was laid with a gray and silver cloth with silver appointments and Better Times, snapdragon floral arrangements.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Higgins are spending two weeks in Houston where Mrs. Higgins is taking a refresher course in dental hygiene. Mrs. Ernest Richter is assisting in the office during their absence.

Mrs. N. J. Lunsden of Chico is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Flora Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dillard and family visited in Abilene over the week end.



75 Per Cent Farm Fires Preventable

Inspection is Answer To Farm Fire Prevention

Two University of Illinois researchers believe that farmers could prevent 75 per cent of farm fires if they would inspect for hazards and eliminate them.

The two researchers, Dean Winter and Gilbert Sauer, of the University's agricultural engineering department, reached their conclusion after inspection of 53 farms in that state.

"It's lightning, faulty wiring and poor heating systems that are burning down most Illinois farm buildings," they report. "On the farms we visited, we often found the wiring or the furnace in poor condition. Lots of farmers didn't have lightning rods."

"Most of these conditions could be corrected by farmers themselves. Our survey found that probably 75 per cent of farm fires could be prevented if fire hazards were pointed



out to farmers and they would remove them."

The only answer is routine inspection by the farmer every few months and quick elimination of the hazards.

Farm Wife to Encourage Building, Remodeling

A group of researchers are convinced there's some truth in the warning, "never underestimate the power of a woman."

The real impetus to home building on the nation's farms will probably be generated by Mrs. Farm Wife herself, they say.

Farm women, explain Minneapolis-Honeywell researchers, have 51 per cent more children than city women, and obviously larger families—50 per cent of farm children under 18 are in families with four or more children. Therefore, they see the big building push coming from this annual farm family baby crop. These births create a demand by the farm wife for roomier quarters.

Secondly, the expected manpower shortage on farms means that many a farmer will remodel his home to make housework easier for his wife who will have to shoulder more of the chores. The researchers see more automatic equipment, ranging from heating systems to dishwashers, being widely installed to help her keep pace with her new labors.

And if that's not convincing enough, the diligent researchers further point out that the one area that farm incomes will grow is a per cent over last year's record estimate of \$7.5 a acre, indicating that farm families will have the money for construction or remodeling purposes.

Blue Ribbon

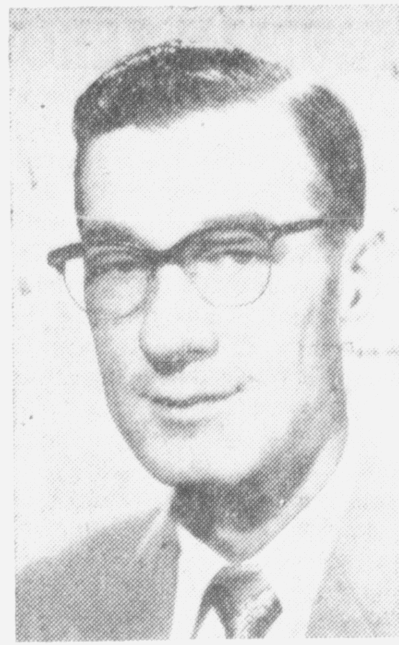


The 1951 and 1952 grand champion of the Denver stock show and 1952 grand champion of the Phoenix show, was purchased by Roy A. Kropp for breeding purposes at his Chardon Farm at Grayslake, Ill. He purchased the prize animal from Jack Howley of Minneapolis for \$50,000.

200,000 Farm Tractors Operate on Butane Gas

More than 200,000 farm tractors, either factory designed or converted, now run on liquefied petroleum gas. Many farmers report that by using liquefied petroleum gas, engine maintenance can be reduced up to 50 per cent. Known also as butane, propane, tank and bottled gas, the fuel also has many household applications such as cooking, house heating, water heating, refrigeration and incineration.

Southwestern Life Sets New High Mark In Business In 1951



NEW high marks in business for 1951 were reported today by Southwestern Life Insurance Company as the Company's 49th annual financial statement was released for publication.

A new record in annual life insurance sales was announced by President James Ralph Woods, who said the Company's Texas agency force in 1951 produced \$121,297,999 of new paid-for business, which resulted in an increase in the Company's insurance in force to a total of \$891,197,312 at the end of the year.

For the first time in the Company's history, policy benefits paid to policyowners and beneficiaries, averaged more than \$1,000,000 monthly and for the year amounted to \$12,395,856.96. In 1950, total benefit payments were \$79,289,556.81. Southwestern Life is represented here by Robert L. Bennett.

Mrs. Keith Cates visited relatives in Fort Worth Friday and Saturday.

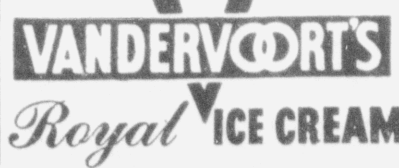
Mrs. Woody Wall and Mrs. Charley Placen from Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cates Sunday.

Miss Ann Ferguson from S. M. T. will spend the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ferguson.

Mrs. Fred Lyons from Amarillo is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. D. Holt.



Enjoy plenty of Vandervoort's Texas Pecan Royal Ice Cream and save pint lids and half-gallon cartons...win a pony and other valuable prizes in VANDERVOORT'S big contest.



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net the City Treasury some \$12,000 in additional revenue each year. At present there is an \$8,000 surplus in our annual water system revenues, after paying some \$24,000 operating expenses and \$6,000 on outstanding water revenue bonds. But this surplus has in the past been the principal source of funds to pay everything from street improvement to mosquito control. If it were diverted to the repayment of new indebtedness, the expense of general operation would have to come from increased taxes. Actually, there is no material difference between water rates and city taxes, either from the citizen's standpoint or from that of the city—both are a source of income to the city, both are an expense to the taxpayer. Whether we can stand an increase in either is simply a matter of whether we can get our money's worth out of it, and to what extent is it sound investment.

A discussion was also presented as to the possibility of increasing our water supply by drilling an additional well or wells. These would cost about out that we could drill an additional well each year for twenty-five years for the same money that repayment of bonds for the Lake pipeline would cost. The gentleman providing this information also stated it as his opinion that our wells would not go completely dry, necessarily, any sooner than Lake Bridgeport would silt up, for example. It was also his opinion that much of our trouble with our wells was caused, simply by the fact that they were drilled too close together, and that adequate spacing of a new well or wells might get around this objection. By abandoning one of our present wells and using the pump on a new and properly spaced well, we could effect substantial saving, acquiring the new well for twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. A last point in favor of the wells is that the water from them is of very high standard; at least we have no fear of any sort of epidemic resulting from its use.

A third possible solution of part-solution, building a municipal lake, is one upon which no information was received at the Monday night meeting. The many advantages of a small municipally-owned lake, to be used in conjunction with our present wells—in which it should be remembered, we have some \$150,000 already invested—are obvious. The question is, is it practicable; is there a proper place for one, from an engineering standpoint; and how much would it cost?

We have had unpleasant experiences with both lake and wells. Nevertheless, the time is upon us when water will out-sell oil. It is becoming scarce everywhere, and there is no known way to live without it, either physically or economically. Its storage is not merely a matter of inconvenience and discomfort, but may mean in some cases financial loss or personal suffering.

In order that you may understand the situation, we have this statement has been prepared at the request of the City Council. Needless to say, your further questions—certainly your suggestions—will be welcome. The problem belongs to all of us, and any action taken to solve it will bring either benefits or added burdens to all of us. If you have any ideas, don't keep them to yourself.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, the floral offerings, the food, clothing and money given us.

The many favors rendered to us will always be remembered with deep gratitude. May God bless each of you.

The Oscar Watkins family
The Fred Watkins family
The Boney Bramlett family

FOOD SALE

The ladies of the Christian Church will have a food sale at the Christian Furniture Store Saturday. A general variety of home cooked cakes, pies and other items will be offered.

Mike Carter from Arlington is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ira Maley.

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STRAW VOTE BY GI'S GIVES TRUMAN ZERO

In a straw vote conducted among veterans currently enrolled in the Decatur 4th year agriculture class taught by Ed Hays, some interesting results may show the veteran thinking in the county, on the National Presidential campaign. The results show that for Democratic nominee the vets vote for Russell of Georgia, 40 per cent, Keafauver of Tennessee, 40 per cent and 20 per cent for Kerr of Oklahoma. None for Truman.

For Republican, Eisenhower, 50 per cent, Warren 30 per cent and Taft, 20 per cent. None for MacArthur.

In the case that Keafauver was the Democrat and Eisenhower the Republican nominee the vote was 50 per cent Eisenhower and 50 per cent, Keafauver. Only the 50 per cent stated that they would be voting for a Republican and that Republican had to be Eisenhower. The remainder were undecided but claimed no party ties and would vote for the man they thought best.

Sergeant Arthur L. Grimes Awarded Honor In Germany

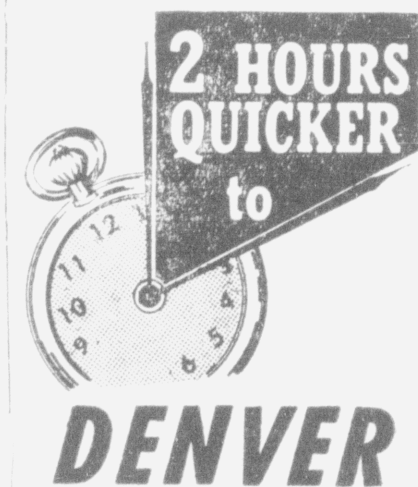
ESSLINGEN, Germany—American Red Cross European Headquarters reported today that Sergeant Arthur L. Grimes of RFD No. 3, Decatur, Texas has been awarded the Standard First Aid Certificate upon completion of an Army-sponsored course in accident prevention and first aid.

Accidents in Europe are costing American taxpayers over a half million dollars monthly, according to military sources. The Red Cross was asked to help reduce these figures by setting up educational safety courses for service personnel.

Sgt. Grimes, who is with the Medical Group Depot at Burtonwood, England, was chosen for the safety school by his commanding officer. He was given instruction in both the prevention of accidents and the proper first aid care of accident victims.

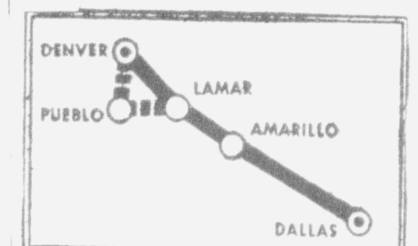
The Red Cross safety program has met with widespread approval by Army and Air Force authorities in Germany.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

The Risen Lord

Lesson for April 13, 1952

IN all the chorusing Easter music, in all the multitudinous many-voiced "I believe..." in the midst of the Easter lilies, is it hard to believe? Some find it so; and feel ashamed that in the presence of others' bright faith their own doubts rise darkly dim, their faith once clear and warm now grown opaque and cold. It is at Easter time that such a person finds his case most tragic. Doubt that echoes a universal loss of faith is almost natural; but why must doubt stand like a dark rock in a sunny meadow, cold in the midst of flowing springtime?



Dr. Foreman

The Man of Dark Mind

TRAGIC such loss of faith may be; but not new. For in Christ's first Twelve—we must say first Eleven, for Judas had sold himself to another—even in that choice company there was one who, on the First Easter, when the voice of all his friends spoke as one: He is risen! could only answer, Is he risen, indeed?

The church has given the name of Saint to these eleven men; they will not deny it to Saint Thomas. For sainthood is not confined to those who have never wrestled with doubt; saints are not only those in whose eyes God and his ways have been always clearly seen.

High in the roll of Christian saints is the name of Thomas, a man of dark but honest mind. His doubt was very like him. He was not a man who most easily believed what was most pleasant.

When Jesus had set his face to go to Jerusalem, the other Ten looked for a Throne, and thrones for all; Thomas alone looked for death. Yet in the very hour, cheered by no bright illusion, Thomas could say what no other did: "Let us go too that we may die with him."

In the upper room at the Last Supper, again the voice of Thomas bespoke his dark mind. "We know not whether thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

So it could have been small surprise to the Ten that when they went to Thomas with the glad news of Easter Day, he was slow to believe.

The Last Beatitude

NOW the Lord Christ did not rebuke this man Thomas, when at last the two came face to face once more; nor did he praise him. He knew that Thomas had acted as a Thomas will.

But our Lord also looked down the centuries, to us and beyond. Thomas had not asked the impossible; but soon, soon would come the time when a request like his could not be granted.

Not forever could Christ be seen on earth with the visible eye. To only a few would be granted even the dream or vision of what Saint Thomas could have touched if he had dared.

The time was shortly coming when men must believe, if they believe at all, without seeing. Easter days would come and go, the voice of faith would rise in a thousand songs. He is risen! But not on any Easter, for twice a thousand years at least, would Christ return to break bread with his friends in such a way that doubt could no longer be blessed are they that have not seen and yet—!

The Risen Lord

SO Saint Thomas was wrong, and right. He was wrong if he thought: I cannot believe unless I see. The Christian way is not the seeing that is believing; it is the believing that is seeing.

But he was right if he thought: I must believe for myself. I can take no other man's faith for my own. And he was right at the last: "My Lord and my God!"

Was Thomas only a man of temperament, a man easily blown from such of doubt to height of faith? By no means. He knew what difference Easter makes, once the truth has come home to a man's mind. If the message of Easter is not true, Christ is dead,—rather Jesus is dead and there is no Christ; his death is dust, his dream a cobweb in the wind of death. But if the message of Easter is true—and the whole Christian church is witness that it is true—then Christ who lived again on Easter morning lives forever past all the mornings of the world, lives to be man's only king, reigning from the very right hand of God.

If Easter is not true, we shall wait, softly as befits those in mourning, for the return of a day of sorrow; if Easter is true we shall say and sing with Thomas, God! My Lord and My

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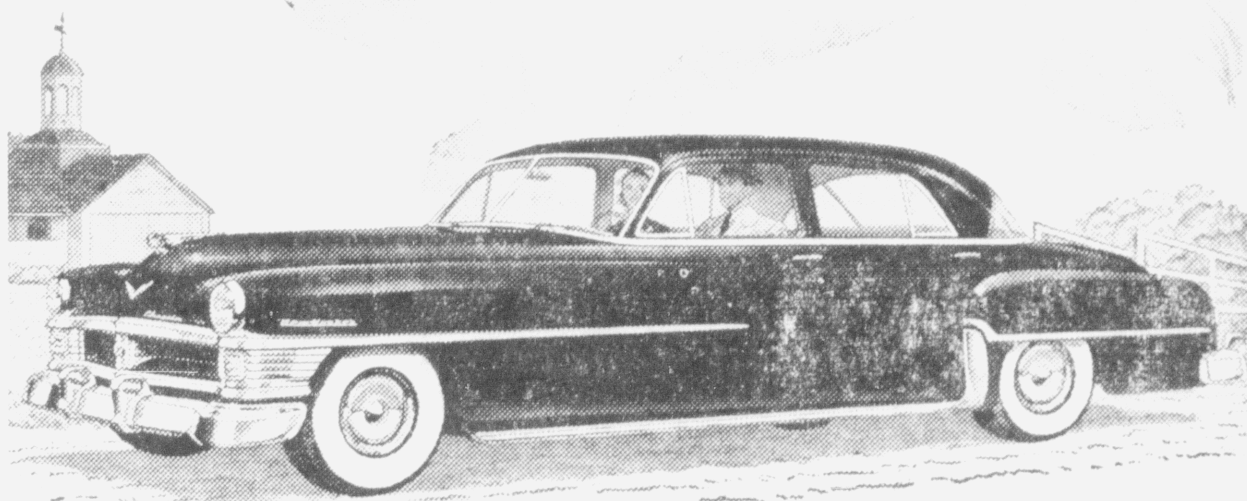
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Patsy Ann Thurmond
On NTSC Honor Roll For Semester

Thurmond is one of the 259 students at North Texas State College whose name was listed on the honor roll for the past fall semester.

Miss Thurmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thurmond of Rhame, is a junior student majoring in elementary education at NTSC.

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MESSSENGER, DECATUR, TEX.

Thursday, April 10, 1952—9

This Tastes Good In Wise County

By Helen McMahan, County Home Dem. Agent

Recipe of the Week

Prune Whip

3 egg whites, Pinch salt, 1/4 cup sugar, 3/4 cup stiff prune puree, 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon or orange rind, if desired

Beat egg whites until stiff, add salt and gradually beat in sugar, until very stiff and smooth. Fold in the chilled prune puree and grated rind carefully, leaving the mixture streaked. Serve chilled, plain, or with cream, top milk, whipped cream or soft custard.

Let's eat this for one day.

Breakfast

Orange Juice
Wheaties with Cream
Steamed Eggs

Toast, Butter, Jelly

Coffee, Milk

Dinner

Broiled Fish

Creamed Potatoes, English Peas

Cabbage Slaw

Cornbread, Butter

Prune Whip

Iced Tea

Supper

Peanut Butter Sandwiches

Fresh Fruit

Cottage Cheese Salad

Milk

Timely Tips

1. Eggs and prunes are on the plentiful foods list for April.
2. To make stiff prune puree, wash fruit, add - 1/2 cups water for each pound of dried prunes, and simmer until tender. Add sugar, 2/3 cup, or to suit taste during last 5 minutes of cooking. Cool, drain and pit prunes. Rub fruit through a sieve.
3. Prune Whip may be made with 1 cup heavy cream, whipped instead of the egg whites.

GIRAFFES FEATURED WITH AL G. KELLY CIRCUS COMING TO DECATUR FRIDAY 25th

ARE YOU SAFE FROM ALL THREE DANGERS?



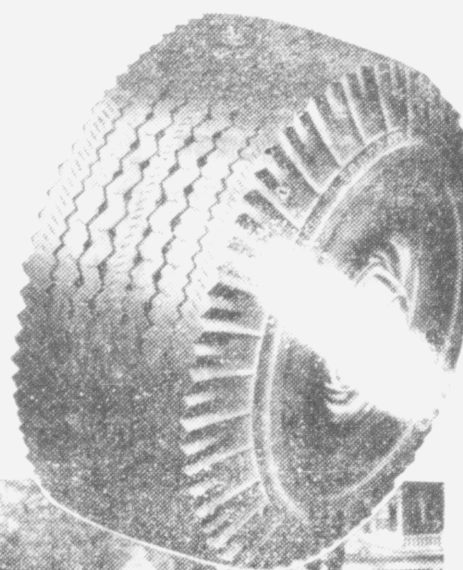
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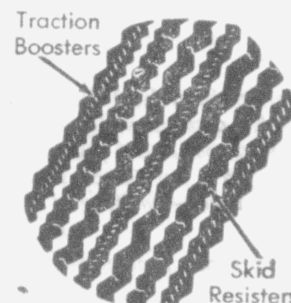
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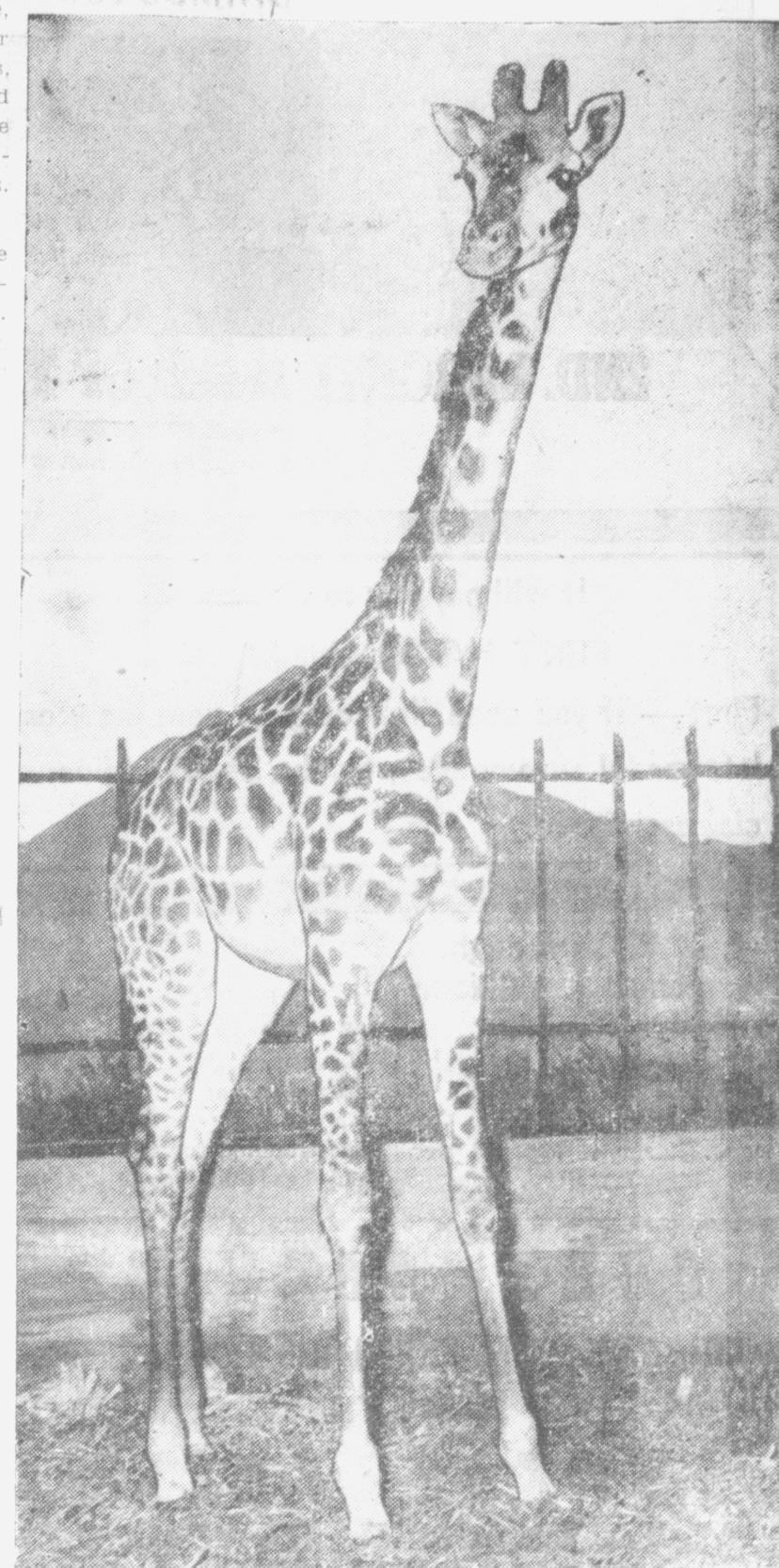
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Above: shown a herd of giraffes. Kelly-Miller Bros. Circus, scheduled to play an afternoon and night engagement at the Auditorium to the large collection of port grounds in Decatur on animals carried by the Al G. Kelly Friday, April 25th.

BIG CIRCUS BRINGS FIRST GIRAFFES

The average circus that visits Decatur have never carried or boasted of exhibiting a herd of giraffes. Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros. is the only American circus now exhibiting Giraffes. Undoubtedly, this will be the first time any circus has ever brought giraffes to Wise County.

Giraffes which are found only in the continent of Africa are the tallest of all living creatures. They belong to the Ruminants, of Cudchewers and naturalists are inclined to place them somewhere between the Deer Family and the Hallow-Horned Ruminants, in which are to be found even, buffaloes and antelopes. The towering height of the giraffe is entirely attributable to the great length of the neck.



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His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

Mary Lou Loyd and Patricia Freeman Win First In Spelling

Mary Lou Loyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loyd, and Patricia Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeman, represented Decatur High School in spelling at the district meet at Bowie for the second consecutive year. Last year they tied with Nocona for first place, but this year they were undisputed first place winners. Mary Lou had a one-hundred percent paper, which will be sent to Austin where certificates are issued for papers which receive one hundred percent grading there.

Patricia, a Junior, has one more year of eligibility for the spelling team, and Mary Lou, a sophomore, has two more years. The spelling team was coached by Mrs. Billie Casey, English instructor.

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Thursday, April 10, 1952—10

DHS Team Wins Second In Typing

Patricia Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Freeman, Sandra Belew, daughter of Mr. Hale Belew, and Nelda Taggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Taggart, placed second as a team in the Typing Contest in the Interscholastic League Meet held at Bowie Friday April 4.

Leonard Brown and Jerry Rawls Win Second In Debate

In the debate contest held at Bowie Friday, April 4, Leonard Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, and Jerry Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rawls, placed second. On the basis of his presentation, Leonard was offered a scholarship in Speech to Texas Christian University by the Judge of the contest, a professor of Speech at TCU.

Laura Beth Mooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mooney, and Frankie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, placed second also.

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 3231

GUARDIANSHIP OF BILLY GENE AND CHARLES LESLIE HOWELL, MINORS. WISE COUNTY, TEXAS. IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE MINORS AND THEIR ESTATES:

You are notified that I have on the 8th day of April, 1952, filed with the County Clerk of Wise County, Texas, an application under oath for authority to make an oil and gas lease on all of the undivided interest owned by the above named minors in and to Four Hundred (400) acres of land located in Wise County, Texas, and being out of the following named surveys:

FIRST TRACT being a part of the O. F. Leverett Survey, Abstract No. 492;

SECOND TRACT the Northwest quarter of Quarter Section No. 5, Grayson County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 329;

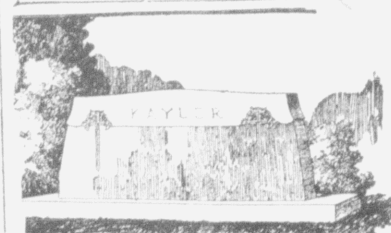
THIRD TRACT being all of Fractional Quarter Section No. 35, Grayson County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 329;

FOURTH TRACT a part of Quarter Section No. 10, Grayson County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 329;

FIFTH TRACT a part of Quarter Section No. 9 of the sub-division of Grayson County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 329;

SIXTH TRACT all of fractional Quarter Section No. 34, Grayson County school land Survey, Abstract No. 329.

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DON DURHAM WINS AT DENTON

Don Durham, 16, Slidell FFA boy, showed the grand and reserve champion steers at the 4-H Club FFA calf and hog show in Denton Friday. His grand champion 945 pound

Hereford was sold for \$733.60 to Denton County National Bank. His reserve champion 900 pound Angus was auctioned to First State Bank of Denton for \$349.20.

Thomas Prietsch, Denton

FFA boy, showed the grand champion in the lightweight division and Bobby Downe, Northwest 4-H Club the heshelva champion.

Ernest Calvert, Denton FFA, showed the champion hog, a Duroc. It sold to H. M. Pitner Jr. of Denton for \$153.72.

thereof reference is hereby made to Guardian's Application on file herein; that John A. Simmons, Judge of the County Court of Wise County, Texas, on the 8th day of April, 1952, duly entered his order designating the 21st day of April, 1952, at Ten O'clock, A. M., in the County Court House of such County as the time and place when and where such application could be heard and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

Leslie Howell
Guardian of the persons and estate of Billy Gene and Charles Leslie Howell, minors.

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Decatur High and Elementary Schools took a command lead in the District 12-A Interscholastic League literary competition Friday in Bowie as they notched 11 first places, eight second, and three third places in competition with over 400 other students.

Winners were: Elementary Spelling, second, Decatur, Helen Maria Gibbs and Sandra Jean Casey.

Elementary Spelling, Seventh and Eighth Grades—First, Decatur, Sue Hoyl and Sylvia Robinson.

Story Telling—Second, Decatur, Carol Ann Faith.

Ready Writers—First, Decatur, Melba Shelton, Third, Decatur, Durwood Roberts.

Number Sense—First, Decatur, Jackie Boyd.

Picture Memory—First, Decatur.

Debate — Second, Decatur, Frankie Brown and Laura Monney, Boys, Second, Decatur, Jerry Rawls and Leonard Brown.

High School Declamation—Second, Decatur, Patsy Hilton.

Junior Declamation—Second, Decatur, Joan Pullen.

Elementary Declamation — First, Decatur, Nancy Duncan.

Third, Decatur, Robert Heins.

Elementary Ready Writers—Third, Decatur, Della Flusche.

Number Sense—First, Decatur, Joe Cooper, Second, Decatur, Richard Mabry.

Slide Rule—First, Decatur, Ben R. Man, Second, Decatur, Lewis Coleman, Third, Decatur, Gene Blagg.

One-Act Plays—First, Decatur.

Extemporaneous Speaking — Boys First, Decatur, Richard Mabry.

Typing School Teams—Second, Decatur, Mary Lou Loyd and Patricia Freeman.

Mrs. J. J. Coleman and Mrs. H. C. Lockett from Dallas visited Mrs. Stella Plaxo and Mrs. Jessie Standley Monday.

Mrs. Dick Collins and Mrs. M. O. Hagood have returned from a visit with their sister, Mrs. George Street of Camden, Ark. Mrs. George Street of Camden accompanied them home for a visit.

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ANNUAL EASTER SERVICE IN WICHITA MOUNTAINS WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AS USUAL

The twenty-seventh annual production of the Easter Sunrise service will be produced by the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma of April 13th, Easter Sunday. The service begins at Midnight and continues until dawn.

At the present time, extensive preparations are being made for the Easter pageant. Women are busy making costumes for new scenes. Electricians are working on the grounds, moving the flood lights from an area which will provide a roadway for the fifty mounted horsemen in the King Arthur scene, riding speed in search of the Holy Grail. Stage props and backdrops are being erected. The gallows on which Haman is to be hanged, in the "Queen Ester and Mordecai" scene, is being built. The loud speaker staff is getting ready to install equipment.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol is making preparations to receive the largest crowd in Pageant History. The Red Cross has organized first aid assistance. HAM radio to broadcast messages to any part of the world, by anyone in the audience desiring its service, which

are coming from ten states, and several officers from far away Korea will perform as priests in "The Eleven Great Faiths". One of these Koreans will play the role of Balthazar and bring his gift of gold to the infant Jesus in the manger.

The Wichita Mountains East-ern service operates as a non-sectarian organization. People of every faith, race, color and freshmen stand on audience, attend it and participate in it.

Some of the scenes of the wiches, potatoe chips, ice cream Pageant are put on by the Re-and other items of food to thebekeh's, Oddfellows, Masons, 200,000 people who migrate to Theta Rho's, Rainbow Girls, Zion's Holy Hill in the greatest De Molays, and members of the religious pilgrimage in America. Lawton Woman's Forum stand

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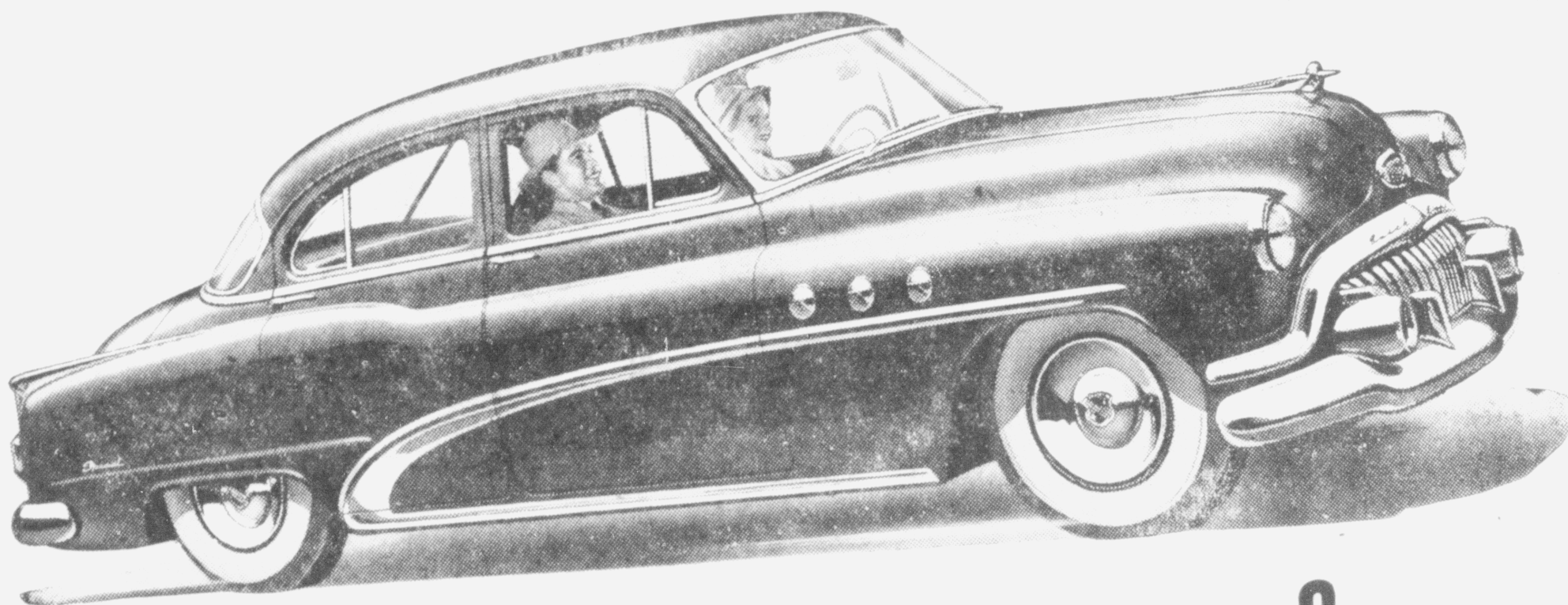


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DECATUR

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St. Mary's Guild Met Thursday At Church For Second Meeting
 Saint Mary's Guild of Ascension Episcopal Church met last Thursday at the church. Mrs. Millicent Mercer, the president, presided over the second meeting of the reactivated Guild.
 Members listened to a talk by Mrs. R. H. Torrence on the duties of the Alter Guild, whose

members care for the interior of the church, the altar flowers and flowers, and arrange the Alter for all services.
 The Guild members invites new members. Meetings will be held the first and third Thursdays of each month at the church at 5 p. m.

NOTICE

The ladies of the Catholic Church will sponsor a 42-party

at the Catholic rectory, Tuesday April 15 at 7:30 p. m.
 The public is invited to attend.

Della Mae Flusche, Richard Mabry In Speech Contest

A keen interest in national and international affairs helped Richard Mabry and Della Mae Flusche, two Decatur High School students, participate

in the Extemporaneous Speaking contest which were recently held at Bowie.

The contest, a part of the University Interscholastic League, was directed by Charles Perrin, social studies teacher of the local high school.

Richard, winner of the first place ribbon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Mabry, discussed Republican Presidential Prospects for 1952.

Della Mae, the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Flusche, gave a good discussion of the present problem of Germany.

Richard will represent the high school in the regional meet at SMU, April 19.

ESA Box Supper Set For Saturday April 19

The Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority will have an old-fashioned box supper on Saturday, April 19. The place is the Re-

union Grounds and the time is 7:30.

Games are to be played and music furnished for dancing. Entertainment is to be furnished also by Sheriff Rook Ramsey who will be the auctioneer for the evening.

Ladies bring your box and your man and spend a gay old-fashioned evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Shaw, Linda and Kenneth spent the

week end in Midland visiting their four sons, John, Curtis, James and L. G. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey Taylor accompanied the Shaws and visited the John Shaw family.

BAKE SALE

The Opal Cates Class will offer a choice selection of cakes, pies and cookies for sale Saturday, at the Ted Schroeder Shop.

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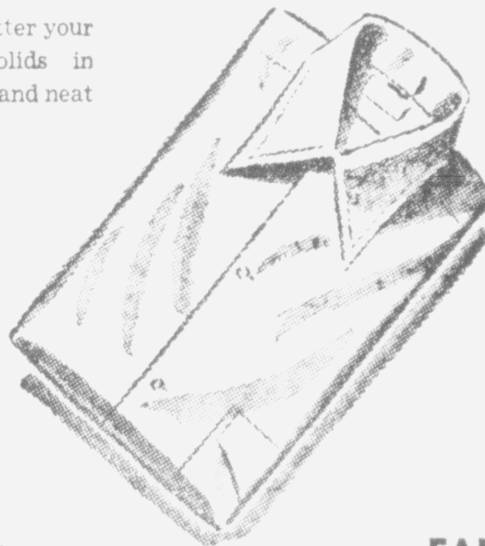
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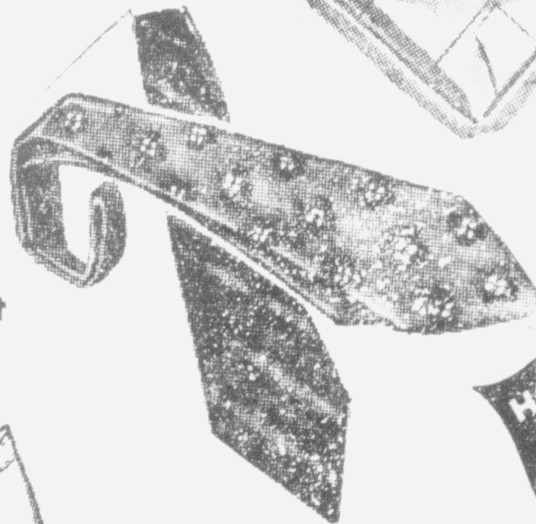


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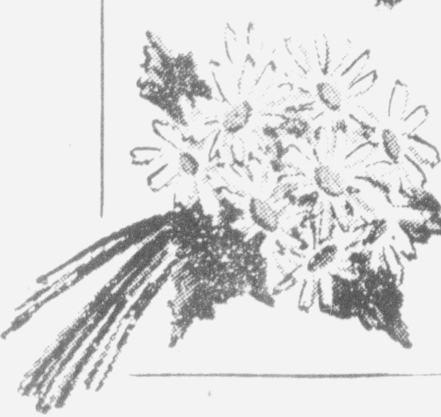
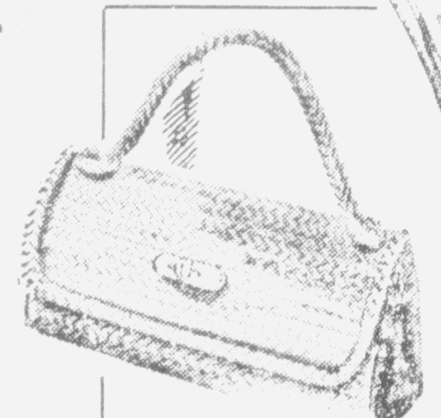
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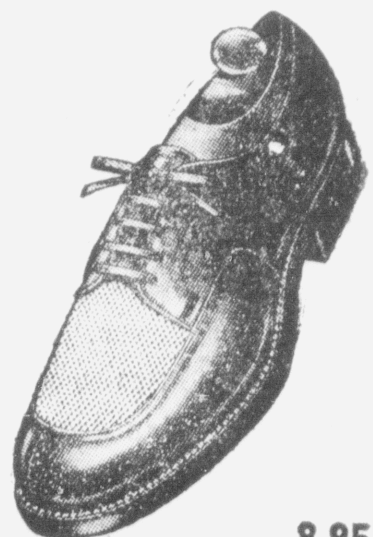
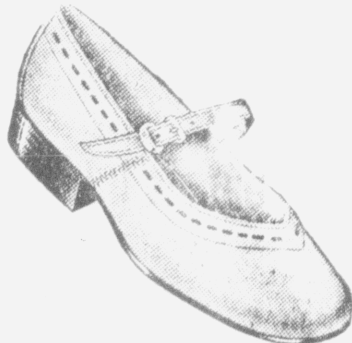
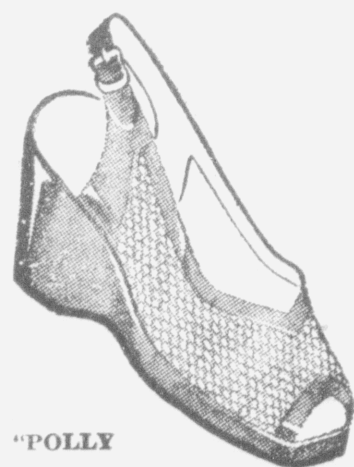
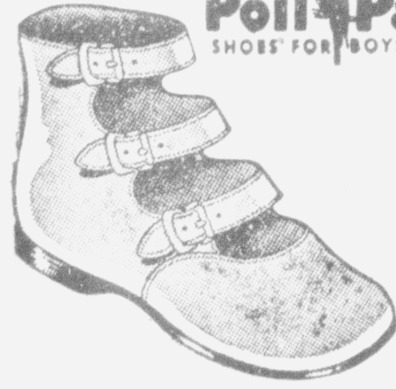
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